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SUBJECT: VISIT BY BIRMINGHAM CIVIC LEADERS

1. ALLEN MONTGOMERY, AYCPL VISITOR TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1974 AND CURRENTLY AIDE TO SENATOR SPARKMAN, HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF TOURING GROUP OF BIRMINGHAM CIVIC LEADERS. GROUP IS COMPOSED OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER LEADERS IN COMMUNITY, LED BY CITY COUNCILMAN DAVID HERRING AND ACCOMPANYING NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES TOUR SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW SOMETIME AFTER FEB. 27. TOUR WILL ALSO VISIT LENINGRAD.

2. MONTGOMERY HAS SUGGESTED GROUP CONTACT POL OFFICER LEVITSKY FOR POSSIBLE BRIEFING. HE CONTACTED USA INSTITUTE ON BEHALF OF GROUP, AND INSTITUTE SECTION CHIEF, EDWARD IVANIAN HAS PROMISED TO RECEIVE THEM.

3. FYI: MONTGOMERY SAID THAT IVANIAN HAS KEPT UP A STREAM OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM SINCE AYCPL VISIT AND CONTINUES TO SEND LETTERS, GREETING CARDS AND BOOKS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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